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Markets:

Dairy Prices	Price	Chge. from Week Ago	Chge. from Month Ago	Chge. from Year Ago
Class III Milk Price (June)	\$19.78/cwt.	▼ 0.6 %	▲ 5.7 %	▲ 31.1 %
Class IV Milk Price (June)	\$21.15/cwt.	▼ 0.9 %	▲ 3.8 %	▲ 16.8 %
Corn (July)	\$ 4.49/bushel	▲ 1.5 %	▼ 2.9 %	▼ 26.2 %
SBean Meal (July)	\$ 359.3/ton	▲ 1.2 %	▼ 3.3 %	▼ 8.9 %
DMC Margin (April)*	\$ 9.60/cwt.	—	▼ 0.6 %	▲ 98.8 %

**Each issue of "Dairy Week in Review" will report on the most recent Milk Margin published through USDA's Dairy Margin Coverage Program. This margin is published each month after the USDA Ag Prices Report is released.*

- USDA's latest Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates report forecasts the US 2024-25 corn crop at 14.86 million bushels, with an average yield of 181 bushels per acre. The season average price of corn is expected to be about \$4.40 per bushel, unchanged from last month's report. USDA increased the soybean crop projections slightly, increasing ending stock estimates for this crop season by 10 million bushels. US production of soybeans is expected to be about 4.45 billion bushels, with an average yield of 52 bushels per acre. Soybean price estimates were left unchanged from last month at \$11.20 per bushel.
- Year over year dairy exports in milk solids equivalents were up 3 percent from a year ago, cutting year-to-date dairy export declines in half. US cheese exports were up the most, increasing 27 percent, or 9,742 metric tons, to 46,270 metric tons. Cheese volumes shipped overseas were second only to March 2024 in the largest amount every shipped in a single month. Sales into Mexico drove much of the increase, with US cheese exports to our southern neighbor up 53 percent, an all-time high record. High protein whey sales overseas were also up 26 percent. Butter shipments overseas were up 23 percent, while nonfat dry milk and skim milk powder exports were down 2 percent from a year ago.
- The latest USDA Dairy Products report shows total cheese output up 1.8 percent from a year ago, but down 3 percent from March, to 1.186 billion pounds in April. American type cheese production was down 4.7 percent from a year ago while other type cheeses were down 2.5 percent. Butter production was up 5.3 percent from a year ago to 207.84 million pounds. Combined production of nonfat dry milk and skim milk powder was down 14.2 percent from a year ago. Manufacturer's stocks of nonfat dry milk was down 17 million pounds from last year to 280.6 million pounds, up 47.5 million pounds from March.

Government/Industry:

- HPAI in dairy cases have been confirmed in Minnesota, Iowa, and Wyoming, with more than 80 herds nationwide now have been infected by the disease. USDA continues to offer its assistance to dairy farms infected with the disease and to those wanting to ramp up their biosecurity to protect against the spread of the disease. Last week USDA announced that it is shifting \$824 million from the Commodity Credit Corporation to the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) to bolster the department's avian flu response. The money will fund diagnostics, testing, and surveillance of the virus in livestock, poultry, and wildlife. Pennsylvania dairy producers who would like assistance in enhancing their biosecurity protocols should contact their local extension agent or call the Center at 717-346-0849.
- FDA announced last week that it confirmed the safety and efficacy of the methane-reducing feed ingredient Bovaer in lactating dairy cows. The feed additive has the potential to reduce carbon emissions in dairy cattle by 30 percent.